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COUNTRY	East Germany		REPORT	
TOPIC	Quartering Area of the Hq and Hq Units of the Second Gds Mech Army			
	in Fuerstenberg and Schoenwalde			25X1
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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED			

1. Between 14 April and 24 August 1954, the restricted area south of Roeblyn Lake (2086) near Fuerstenberg was occupied to capacity. Heavy vehicular traffic which included many sedans, and numerous officers on foot were observed. Units of about platoon strength repeatedly received training in firing. On 5 May, 350 soldiers and 150 uniformed women marched to the monument on Bahnhof Strasse for a short ceremony. In early May, a radar set, presumably of Fishnet type, was put up in the installation. Four 85-mm AA guns and a fire control director were seen in an emplacement south of the restricted area north of Petscher Weg. A second emplacement was located west of Fuerstenberg southwest of Steinfoerde. The gun crews were relieved every 4 weeks.

Beginning in early July, field fortifications had been constructed south of Petscher Weg between Rhensberger Strasse and Kirschen Allee. Soldiers and construction material were daily shipped to the construction site.

In late August, three wooden buildings had been completed.

2. Between 23 April and 17 August, the outer installations of the Ravensbrueck concentration camp (2082/83) near Fuerstenberg appeared to be occupied to capacity. Training included drill at platoon level and training in firing in the area north of the installation although there was not much activity. Soldiers

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seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two one-story brick buildings were being dismantled and a new building was under construction in the installation area.

3. Between 25 April and 25 July, the restricted area south of Roeblyn Lake near Fuerstenberg was occupied to capacity. Heavy vehicular traffic and numerous personnel on foot were observed.

4. Between 27 April and 21 July, training in firing, drill and combat training in units up to company strength were observed in the north section of the outer installations of the Ravenstrueck concentration camp which were occupied to capacity. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 21 July, an undetermined number of soldiers practiced with radio sets near approximately 10 tents in the training area.

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6. Prior to 30 July, the restricted area south of Roeblyn Lake near Fuerstenberg was occupied to capacity by a headquarters. A school for Soviet children was being prepared in the west section of the installation.

7. During the second half of July, an AAA emplacement with 3 x 85-mm guns and 8 trucks was seen west of Fuerstenberg near Steinfoerde. 1

8. Between 10 July and 25 August, the Flugplatz Kaserne (2381) in Schoenwalde was occupied by a rocket launcher unit and an AAA unit. The occupation strength varied between 1,500 and 2,500 soldiers. Elements were continually rotated to exercises.

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9. On 10 August, intensive training was observed in the area of the AAA unit in the Flugplatz Kaserne in Schoenwalde. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Soldiers received instruction on 2 x 85-mm AA guns. Two Whiff-type and Rus-2 type radar sets were also seen there. The three AAA emplacements were occupied as previously by 3 x 85-mm guns each. Approximately 120 soldiers carrying small arms marched toward Boetzow. Colonel Khruch and his deputy Alykhin again audited bills of the AAA emplacement Meissnershof and units at Steinfoerde near Fuerstenberg. Intensive training was also observed in the area of the rocket launcher unit. Soldiers seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four M-31 rocket launchers were located south of the athletic field. 4

1. Comment. Prior to late August, the Hq Second Gds Mech Army is believed to have been stationed in the restricted area. The field fortifications southeast of the installation are presumably to serve as AAA emplacements.

✓ This division furnishes the AAA protection for the headquarters which includes the emplacements southwest of Steinfoerde. Other observations indicated that the relief units came from Schoenwalde, the division post.

2. Comment. The 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Mech Army has so far been located in the outer installations of the Ravensbrueck concentration camp.

✓ The assumed employment in the army signal communication traffic accounts for the ~~little~~ training in the installation.

3. Comment. The 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Mech Army in Fuerstenberg until 30 June 1954.

4. Comment. The varying occupation strength is believed to have resulted from the continuous firing practices at Wustrow of elements of the 31st AAA Div and the rotation to places outside of the post of units employed in AAA protection. The two officers were previously reported by the same source. The 90th RL Regt of the Second Gds Mech Army is confirmed in Schoenwalde until 25 August 1954.

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